

Network of Comprehensive Cancer Centres: *Preparatory activities on creation of National Comprehensive Cancer Centres and EU Networking*

CONCERN: Invitation for the EU JA CraNE Governmental Board

*The CraNE Joint Action is proposed for funding in response to the flagship number 5 of the Europe's Beating Cancer Plan, which defines that the European Commission will establish by 2025, an **EU Network linking recognised National Comprehensive Cancer Centres (CCCs) in every Member State**. In order to facilitate the establishment of such an EU Network, CraNE will prepare the necessary preconditions, administrative, professional, and those related to high-quality performance. This is necessary to facilitate both the integration of the existing CCCs as well as to support the Member States who still need to develop and certify such centres. The CraNE JA will also provide an assessment on sustainability and feasibility as well as link the development of an EU Network of CCCs and CCCs in individual Member States to the development of national and regional CCCNs. This way, the existing organisational and functional models of cancer care will be taken into account and incorporated into the proposed solution.*

The CraNE WP4 has to support the analysis of the sustainability of the outputs of the Joint Action. In order to properly address the sustainability, one needs to involve the primary actors, active at the national or regional levels, in the Member States.

The WP4 results will be translated into, first, a **Maturity Model** that could be used by EU Member States for assessing their (current) capacity to be part of the EU Network of Comprehensive Cancer Centers (EU NCCCs). Second, the **CraNE Blueprint** will map all the necessary steps for organizing, at the national level, CCC (networks) and to be part of the EU NCCCs.

Twice a year, the CraNE GB will meet to be updated on the activities and main achievements and will provide advices, support and insights on the content and the format of the Maturity model and the Blueprint. Therefore, the attendees are expected to have a good understanding of the organization of cancer care in their country, but also of the related contextual features.

We are pleased to invite you to the third **CraNE Governmental Board** on **June 20th, 2024** from **09.00 CEST to 16.00 CEST**.

Join us to create a unique, useful and useable tool to improve cancer care in EU Member States!

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